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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : D. Ammon Jr.  
Application No. : 09/876,412  
Filed : June 7, 2001  
Title : Quantitative MALDI-Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry of Peptides and Proteins  
Art Unit : 1743  
Examiner : Yelena G. Gakh  
Docket No. : P02872  
Conf. No. : 7301

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Suzanne V. SaracenPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

It is requested that the period for response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 be extended to allow for response within three month(s) after the time originally set. The time originally set was October 8, 2003. The extended period will expire January 8, 2004.

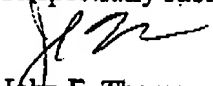
A response to the Office Action – a/an Amendment-- is filed herewith.

Fee Calculation

Three-Month Extension      \$950.00

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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